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Dr. Byron Francis
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Dear Dr. Francis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is requesting the assistance of the Illinois Department of Public Health in evaluating a possible health problem in Sauk Village, Illinois. Dr. Lyman Condie of my staff received a telephone call from Mrs. Gloria Gomez, a resident of Sauk Village regarding birth defects which had occurred with children born to families in her neighborhood. A preliminary field inspection was conducted by Dr. Lyman Condie and Mr. Chuck Grigalausk of my staff, on May 17, 1979. The report of the field investigation is enclosed.

A number of Illinois EPA and Department of Public Health officials have been contacted regarding the possible environmental problem in Sauk Village. A ten day composite sampling program of the Gomez's water supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA, Division of Public Water Supply. Dr. Paul Levin of the Illinois Department of Public Health at Bellwood suggested that we contact you regarding the possibility of your Department conducting an epidemiology study in Sauk Village. We are, therefore, requesting that the Illinois Department of Public Health investigate the need for an epidemiology study involving the residents of Sauk Village.

I would appreciate it very much if you would review this matter and determine if such an investigation is warranted.

Sincerely yours,

David Kee, Director
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Enclosure

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